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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. Claims 1-2 and 4-35 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, and 4-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Chen et al. (Chen)** patent no. **5,553,609**, in view of **Dean et al. (Dean)** patent no. **5,943,478**, and **Hecht et al. (Hecht)**, patent no. **5,032,979**.

4. As to claim 1, Chen teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a server (Master Monitoring Station (MMS) 24 figure 7; col. 6 lines 23-50) for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients (health care professionals, col. 6 lines 23-50) to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the plurality of clients via the communication medium (col. 8 lines 15-40; col. 11 lines 38-52), said server comprising:

an input device, adapted to enter a request for transferring the video information captured by the image sensing device to the plurality of clients, and another request for

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control the image sensing device remotely (col. 8 lines 15-40; col. 11 lines 38-52; col. 18 lines 20-24).

However, Chen does not explicitly teach the request entered by a user different from the client for reporting information identifying the plurality of clients that received the video information, nor information identifying the remote client which has a control privilege.

Dean teaches an administrator who is different than an user can obtain report information identifying users that receive selected media services from a media server using user access data and user information tracking (col. 1 line 66 - col. 2 line 37, col. 7 lines 28-67).

Hecht teaches using audit commands by superuser and generating an audit record for each recorded event which includes actions taken by computer operators and system administrators (col. 5 lines 35-68; col. 18 lines 15-40)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Chen, Dean, and Hecht to allow a user other than the client to enter a request to identify and report the clients that received the video information, and another request for identifying the remote client that has the control privilege because it would allow the system to provide accurate accounting service and audit trail.

5. As to claims 2 and 4, Chen teaches said image sensing means is a camera and control of the image sensing means includes optical control and orientation control (col. 8 lines 15-40).

6. As to claims 5 and 7, Chen teaches input device includes: a voice input unit; and a recognition unit, adapted to recognize a voice input by said voice input unit; and notification device reports by voice (col. 4 lines 55-61; figures 3-4).

7. As to claim 6, Chen teaches information reported includes user names (col. 6 line 51 - col. 7 line 2).

8. Claims 8-35 have similar limitations as claims 1-2 and 4-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7240.

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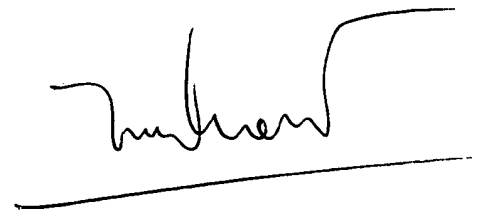
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', is written over a horizontal line.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

July 09, 2004